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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.B. BALAJI

OP No. 362 of 2024

CNR: {HCMA010106082023}

R.Suriyakumari
W/o. K.Damodharan,
Old No.4-A, New No.7, Ponniamman Koil Street,
Kottur, Chennai 600 085.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. R.Janardhanam and 10 others
   S/o. Late Raghupathy,
   Old No.17, New No.25, Manappa Street,
   Kottur, Chennai 600 085.
2. A.P.Jayanthi
   D/o.Late Padmanabhan,
   Old No.3, New No.5, Ponniammankoil Street,
   Kottur, Chennai 600 085.

3. D.Ramesh Babu
   S/o. J.Devarajan,
   8/3 Avvai colony (Mannappa Street)
   Kottur, Chennai 600 085.

4. D.Rajesh Babu (Deceased)
   S/o.J.Devarajan,
   New No.9, Old No.4, Ponniamman Koil Street,
   Kottur, Chennai 600 085.

5. P.Gunasundari
   W/o. late R.Ponnurangam,
   5th residing at Old No.18, New No.27,
   Manappa Street,
   Kottur, Chennai 600 085.

6. S. Preetha
   W/o. M.Somasundaram,
   No.716, Nellikuppam Road,
   Thangappan Avenue, Kayarambedu,

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7. P.Rajmohan
S/o. late R.Ponnurangam,
Old No.18, New No.27, Manappa Street,
Kottur, Chennai 600 085.

8. P.Ravisankar
S/o. late R.Ponnurangam,
Old No.18, New No.27, Manappa Street,
Kottur, Chennai 600 085.

9. Pramila
W/o.Late D.Rajesh Babu,
New No.9, Old No.4,
Ponniamman Koil Street,
Kottur, Chennai - 600 085.

10. R.Aakash (Minor)
S/o.Late D.Rajeshbabu,
New No.9, Old No.4,
Ponniamman Koil Street,
Kottur, Chennai - 600 005.

11. R.Akshaya (Minor)
D/o.Late D.Rajesh Babu,
10th and 11th rep. by 9th respondent/Mother is a natural guardian
New No.9, Old No.4,
Ponniamman Koil Street,
Kottur, Chennai - 600 085.
(Respondents 9 to 11 brought on record as legal heir of deceased 4th respondent and amendment carried out as per order date 13.08.2025 in A.No.3921/2025 in O.P.No.362/2024)

..Respondent(s)

that letter of Administration with the Will annexed may be granted to the petitioner being the beneficiary under the will of the said deceased having effect throughout the state of tamil nadu. (Gross Amount of Rs.15,00,000/- and

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Net Amount of Rs.15,00,000/-) Suc.duty of Rs.25,000/- paid on 04.11.2024 by e-C/F D.No.42253/2024.

For Petitioner(s): M.Kamalakannan

For Respondent(s): Mss.A.Sumathi
For R1 To R3 and R.9 to R.11
Mr.Hariharan
For R.5, R.6 and R.8
R.4 & R.7 – No appearance

ORDER

After the hearing on 15.10.2026, Mr.Kamalakannan, learned counsel for the petitioner has today produced the Original Will dated 06.10.1994 in respect of which grant of Letters of Administration is sought for in the original petition. The petitioner is also present in person.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that after the query posed by me at the last hearing, the learned counsel took up the issue with the petitioner and after diligent enquiry and search, the whereabouts of the Original Will came to be known to the petitioner and today, in fact, the original Will itself is produced before me and the same is taken on file.

3. The petition has been filed for grant of Letters of Administration in respect of the last Will and testament of Ms.R.Chandra, with Will dated 06.10.1994 annexed.

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4. The petitioner is the sister of the deceased R.Chandra who died on 10.12.2016, leaving behind the aforesaid Will. The petitioner has examined herself as P.W.1 and marked Exs.P.1 to P.12.

5. All the respondents have filed their consent affidavits and one of the attesting witnesses Elumalai Sarangam has been examined as P.W.2 and from his evidence I find that he has affirmed acquaintance of the signature of the testatrix and that the testator was in a sound and disposing state of mind at the time of execution of Ex,P.1 Will. He has also stated that the Will was signed by the testatrix in his presence and in the presence of the attesting witness.

6. The petitioner has complied with the requirement of Section 63(c) of Indian Succession Act. I am satisfied that the Will have been duly proved in the manner required under law. The petitioner has also effected paper publication as required under the provisions of Indian Succession Act read with the Order 25 of the Original Side Rules.

7. In fine,

(i) This Original Petition is ordered and the Letters of Administration, having effect throughout the State of Tamil Nadu, shall be issued in favour of the petitioner, with the Will dated 06.10.1994, annexed;

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(ii) The petitioner is directed to duly administer the properties and credits of the deceased more fully described in the suit schedule;

(iii) The petitioner shall execute a security bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) in favour of the Assistant Registrar (O.S-II), High Court, Madras;

(iv) The petitioner is further directed to make a full and true inventory of the property and credits of the deceased testatrix, R.Chandra, to be made and the same be exhibited before this Court, within six months from the date of grant of Letters of Administration to them and also to render a true account of the property and credits of the testatrix, within one year from the date of obtaining the Letters of Administration; and

(v) Considering the relationship between the parties, there shall be no order as to costs.

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